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Planning For The Next Fire Season

..by
Pat
Schwartz

With the current wet weather the next fire season may seem a long way off, however now is a good time to think about how best we can make our districts safe from fire when the next dry season is upon us.

The 2019/2020 bush fires in Eastern Australia cost billions of dollars. They resulted in tragic loss of human life, farmland, bushland and animal life. Many of these losses, and the emotional trauma that goes with a devastating fire can't be replaced or fixed by spending money.

Allocating money and resources to managing bushland before extreme conditions exist is surely a better option if possible.

Researchers believe that prior to the European settlement of Australia catastrophic bushfires were unknown.

Painting, writing and the early surveys of European explorers indicate a much more open landscape than exists today.

It is thought that the cool, slow moving fires of the first Australians reduced fuel load and encouraged abundance and biodiversity.

(For more information visit www.nalderun.net.au)

Because of the different patterns of land use and development today it may seem daunting to introduce methods of land management that were used by indigenous people in an open landscape 250 years ago. However if enough money was used in the development and application of methods of slow burning huge areas, at appropriate times, this method could be a much more affective tool than the hazard reduction methods used now.

THE RECENT COLORADO FIRES IN THE USA SHOULD BE A WAKE UP CALL FOR ALL OF US.

These fires, that destroyed towns and over 1000 homes occurred in WINTER, just a few days ago. There was nothing to be done but evacuate thousands of people because nothing could be done to stop the fires.

This fire has been called the most destructive fire in Colorado history, and will likely change how fire fighting and land management are done in that state in the future (CPR News, January 10, 2022.)



Thanks to the huge efforts made by our fire brigades, the 2019/20 fires did not cross the Hawkesbury River and thousands of hectares of magnificent bushland in the Hills, Hornsby and Hawkesbury Shires did not burn.

The fuel loads in our forests now are huge. The last major and devastating fire was twenty years ago.

Now is the time to work out new strategies and options in fire management, before another crises is imminent.



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ECO-NEWS



With Liz Wilkinson

I have to step very quietly in my courtyard at the moment. I was watering the garden, when I decided my Lavender bush in the corner probably needed to be replaced. I looked closer at it, and discovered a beautiful little nest with a roof and a side entrance. That bush will just have to stay awhile longer. The two Fairy Wrens are raising a family, and are now busy keeping them fed. Father wren keeps a close watch on me. I will have to photograph the nest once the babies leave it.

We used to have the Satin Bowerbirds building their bower between our two buildings. They would prance around and make a bit of noise, especially early in the morning, as they postured in their bower. For the last two years, they have moved to a scrubby area away from the house, and oh the racket they make down there. They still steal my blue pegs and yellow flowers.

After all the rain, I found an unusual fungus in my lawn, but haven't been able to identify it. It is a rusty brown colour with a white patch circled by black on the underside. The others around it did not have the white on them.

I should talk about Mother of Millions, for all the new folk in our area who may not be aware of the rules surrounding weeds. In the Hawkesbury area it is a level 1 weed, and as such must be removed from your property.

Hawkesbury council is the local



control authority which also covers our Hills council. These plants can multiply by seed, as well as tiny plantlets falling off and forming new plants. This can happen when the plant is only a few centimetres high. The flowers have a ball of red bells. After all the rain keeping us away from tasks outside, I discovered quite a patch of smaller ones that I have to remove. It is a constant job to recheck those areas that have been previously affected, as they will pop up again and again.

It is not every day that you walk outside and find a peacock wandering in the garden. After an hour or so he wandered off with me in tow as I followed him home, slowing down cars as they approached him walking down the middle of Sackville Ferry road. I was relieved when he heard his mate calling, and he flew over the fence and reached home safely.



Quote!

Life is the art of drawing without an eraser!

John W. Gardner

Living Heritage News

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Editor's Notes

We decided to have a different approach to our usual first issue of the year, front page. Usually, we reflect on the previous year, and highlight the events that stood out.

A year of Covid restrictions, lockdowns, fear, uncertainty??? No thanks! Better left behind. So our front page expert, has come up with a different approach, to keep us on our toes.

However, we did cover some lovely stories, and for that I am truly thankful to our many volunteer storytellers and contributors.

We have had some amazing feedback from our readers, and as they pass the magazine on to friends and relatives, our coverage is growing.

Our advertising exec is pursuing more businesses to build up our coffers, so that we can deliver more copies to

those areas that have been asking for them.

We have been approached by a community radio station, for them to read some of our stories to the vision impaired on a weekly podcast. This may lead to some out of area advertising, which would be good. We are also working on getting more advertisers onto our website which will also increase our revenue.

Our accounts exec is putting out those invoices at a rapid pace, to make sure we get them paid promptly. Both are working towards raking in those late payers, and also those that think that because we are run by volunteers, they needn't pay at all. Thankfully, that list is getting smaller.

Boy! I sincerely hope we can get back to some kind of normality in 2022, I'm really over these changing rules!

....Enjoy your read...Carole



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How Will You Change The World?

Make a difference:

I get up every morning determined both to change the world and to have a hell of a good time. Sometimes this makes planning the day difficult. *E.B. White*

Muhammad Yunus dreamed of “bringing dignity to the hundreds of millions of people all around the world, who struggle every day to make a living and bring hope for a better life for their children.” He started by making a small “micro loan” to some impoverished bamboo weavers. They needed to buy some weaving tools, and they didn’t want to turn to loan sharks. They had no credit, but that didn’t stop *Yunus* and his big idea: loaning business development money to the less fortunate. The weavers thrived, and for his pioneering concept of microcredit, *Yunus* won the Nobel Peace Prize. Overall, he’s lent \$5.7 billion to about 7 million people, many of them living in remote villages of the world. With the money from the award, he hopes to put “homelessness and destitution in a museum.”

Volunteer:

You don’t have to quit your job or sacrifice your family or all your free time, to make a difference in the world. One person can change the social landscape in a few hours a week.

How?

If every person donated just five hours a week, it would equal the labour of millions of full time volunteers.

What do you care about?

If you think somebody should do something about a problem or situation, then be that somebody. Make a list of causes that you are passionate about, then get involved.

Mentor someone:

If you are successful in any area of life, remember that somewhere, someone, gave you a lift or an idea that started you in the right direction. Each of us can look back on someone, whose simple acts of caring changed our lives — not by just teaching us, but taking the time to be with us and to believe in us. Decide today that you will make time in your life to mentor someone — that you will give them the gift that only you can give. Don’t just give what you know, give who you are. Can’t think of someone to mentor? Don’t let that stop you. Why not become a big person to a little person?

Reconnect with community:

In these times of uncertainty, find your tribe and connect with them. There are so many out there who are troubled by the events of the last two years, we need to find them and lend a hand to keep them in touch with community. The love and caring, a hug, a shared meal, a walk together, these special things can’t be underestimated in keeping people linked to a society.



Refined Feline

I crave a pet not below me
one that can be my equal.
However small it may be
a feline refined and regal.



With a luxurious fur coat
a graceful predatorial machine.
Thunderous purr in his throat
and the bearing of a king or queen.

It needn’t trust me at first
for it’s trust I must earn.
A belief that cannot be coerced
but can be given in return.



Not a beast I have tamed
but a friend I understand.
No matter what it will be named
we shall remain paw in hand.

...by Ben Anderson, 13



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News From Wisemans Ferry Mens Shed

A BETTER NEW YEAR FOR EVERYONE WITH A WISH FOR GOOD PHYSICAL AND MENTAL HEALTH.

The Mens Shed is currently closed for a few weeks while family holidays are taken. We are back on 11th January, 2022 and our resolution is to complete the exercise track by raising the last of the necessary funds.

We have convinced the senior politicians, both local and federally, that this is a desperately needed asset for our community to maintain a fit and healthy life-style.

Our other wish is that we can increase our membership so that we have a greater voice in negotiations with Government departments for the benefit of all. Get your voice behind our efforts to improve facilities for our community by joining the Wisemans Ferry Mens Shed.

The Shed is nearly back to normal after the devastating floods of 2021 and after the clean-up we have a surplus of hand and battery tools which we will now sell to raise necessary funds for our Shed.

A market day will be held in the near future to dispose of many items.

Call Adrian On 02448833781 to enquire about these surplus items. Our Shed is located behind Bowling Club and is open on Tuesdays and Saturday.



Australia Day on the Hawkesbury 2022

Hawkesbury City Council proudly invites you to Australia Day on the Hawkesbury 2022, a fun family friendly community event on Wednesday, 26 January 2022 from 5pm to 9.30pm at Governor Phillip Park, Windsor.

This will be the perfect way to enjoy this special day with friends and family alongside our beautiful river.

Australia Day on the Hawkesbury 2022 will feature:

An outdoor stage with live entertainment including local artists and Let's Groove Tonight Band

Amusement rides

Food and drink stalls plus food trucks

Free face painting

Emergency Services Display

Fireworks

No BYO alcohol or glass, bags checked upon entry.



Rides, jumping castles, face painting and many other fun activities will entertain the kids while parents and carers can relax and enjoy the atmosphere by the beautiful Hawkesbury River. There is also an inclusive playspace at Governor Phillip Park. There is plenty of on-site parking available.

The event will also include a variety of food trucks with a huge variety of hot food and refreshments.

The ever-popular fireworks finale on the river will be the perfect close to a perfect day at 9pm.

We are also marking this important day with the Australia Day Awards Ceremony and a Citizenship Ceremony, both at the Hawkesbury Regional Gallery, Windsor.

The Awards Ceremony will commence at 9am. RSVP events@hawkesbury.nsw.gov.au or call 4560 4444. We will then welcome our newest citizens at the Citizenship Ceremony at 11am.

Australia Day on the Hawkesbury has been assisted by the Australian Government through the National Australia Day Council by receiving a \$22,000 grant to support the event.



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FOR SALE - EOI GUIDE \$1,250,000



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50 Yarrawonga Park Rd, Yarrawonga Park

COASTAL GETAWAY, FILTERED LAKE VIEWS - This quality built, modern, dual level 3 bedroom home is located only metres from the waterfront reserve of Bonnells Bay on Lake Macquarie. An ideal family home or stylish weekender, the property offers a flexible floor plan with multiple living zones across the 2 levels. The grounds of the property are bathed in sun and offer established low maintenance gardens, mature trees and near level lawn. Single garage, workshop, off-street parking.

FOR SALE - \$795,000 - \$840,000

BEYOND THE FENCE

HAPPY NEW YEAR! A roller coaster for 2021 with continued growth across Sydney and the Regions.

After another year of battling the challenges of COVID-19, the housing market continued to perform beyond expectations. According to Core Logics latest monthly data for December, Sydney recorded an annual growth of an incredible 25.3%, while regional areas outperformed our capital city with an impressive 29.8% increase for the year. In principal this defies any logic with greater Sydney spending nearly a third of the year in some form of lockdown. We have commented previously on the contributing drivers of this growth being a shortage of listings, ongoing record low interest rates and for the regions a continued demand for a lower density corporate tree-change lifestyle.

To put this into perspective, a regional property with a value of \$1,000,000 in 2020 is now worth on average \$1,300,000,

increasing on average around \$5,700 per week. For our market we have seen even stronger growth in our prestige segment of the market in particular, premium riverfront acreages and larger rural holdings. So what could we expect from 2022? Most economists are predicting a "normalising" of the market. December 2021 growth for Sydney was just 0.3% with regional markets also continuing to grow but at a slower pace. Buyer demand remains strong and we are now seeing more listings coming to market particularly towards the second half of January. Interest rates remain a hot topic as economists talk up modest hikes late in 2022 due to inflationary pressure even though the Reserve Bank remains committed to their line of a 2024 increase. Either way interest rates are still historically low and with the on-going Covid challenges, our obsession with property and a lower density way of life looks set to continue albeit in a more stable manner. Stay Safe, Trent Iverson

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The Women of Maroota

...compiled by
Ruby Ramm

We are pleased to continue a series of memoirs selected from a booklet titled 'The Women of Maroota'. This is a compilation of recollections from Ruby E Ramm, published in 2001. Ruby's stories are a mixture of personal memories and those of family and friends, and convey the admiration and respect in which these forebears were held.

We hope you enjoy reading about these amazing pioneering women, and we look forward to hearing your own stories of the old days in our district.

Gladys Roberts (nee Gray)

Gladys arrived in Maroota after her marriage to Perce Roberts (brother of Ken) in 1944. She mothered two sons and two daughters. Ian, Gavin, Miriam and Heather.

They lived on the property on Old Northern Road, Maroota, formerly occupied by George Robinson, a Maroota School teacher, and his family.

Gladys is no longer with us, but I remember her with fond affection, as a woman of Maroota. She taught my daughter Christine how to crochet, and among her own beautiful crochet work, was a shawl for each of her grand children.

She loved her garden, treasuring especially her white violets, and regularly arranged the flowers in our local church at the corner of Sackville Road.

Her daughters Miriam and Heather, accomplished competent nursing careers, and while they no longer reside in the district, I duly acknowledge them among the younger generation of the Women of Maroota.

Thelma Codd (nee Black)

Thelma was the sister of Lilla Roberts, and was the wife of Bill Codd.

They had three children, Vicki, Morton and Debbie, and they lived on Old Northern Road, heading towards Wisemans Ferry.

They were next door neighbours to Eric and Marjorie Ramm.

Bill Codd worked on the Main Roads Board.

On his retirement, he worked in his small vegetable garden behind their house.



The Carroll Family

Bernice and Roy Carroll lived opposite Lil Mitchell's property at South Maroota. Prior to their arrival, the place was occupied by the Whitby family.

The Carroll's had a son John, and two daughters, Barbara and Judy, who all attended South Maroota School. Roy's parents also lived in the home there.

His mother was known locally as "Granny Carroll", she was well acclaimed for her violin playing, and entertained at various social evenings we happened to arrange. I remember them living in South Maroota between the 1940's and 1950's, but can offer no further information, as I am no longer aware of their present whereabouts. While living in the district, and his mother also. Bernice moved out with her family after their deaths.





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- ➔ Attend your local community event
- ➔ Arrange congratulatory messages

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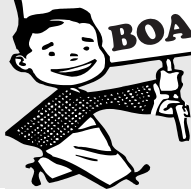
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**Wisemans Ferry Seniors**

Firstly I would like to thank those who supported our Christmas raffle which was a huge success.

1st Prize The hamper won by Magie Pratt
2nd Prize The ham won by Noelene Hitchcock
3rd Prize The rug won by Shelley Barwin

We all had a great time at our Christmas party with our Kris Kringle and a lovely meal organised by Grub on the Green.

Our outing to the Mean Fiddler was another great success. All who went enjoyed the meal, the music and the dancing. We have not settled as yet on our future outings but there are many suggestions and we will be organising our next couple of outings as soon as we are back to our regular monthly meetings.

We are back to our Monday Morning meetings and Bingo commencing at 9.30 All are welcome and you do not have to be a senior to join us for either Bingo or our Bus Trips.



Don't forget our Facebook page **Wisemans Ferry Bingo Group** and for any queries contact **Jo 0419 413 523** or **Noelene 45 668 226**

The Sunshine Group

There has been nothing to report as we have been closed since 15th December.

We will be reopening on the last Wednesday in January which is 26th.

Come along and meet our group for some fun Bingo, morning tea, and just lively general chats.

Call Judy if you would like to join the Sunshine Group, we follow all Covid safe rules.

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**Saying**

I have found that when you are deeply troubled, there are things you get from the silent devoted companionship of a dog that you can get from no other source.

Doris Day

**Diary of a Trip to the Gulf Of Carpentaria.**

By Liz Wilkinson

At Coonabarabran we visited the Crystal Kingdom where there was a fascinating display of fossils and crystals all collected in this area, mainly off two properties.

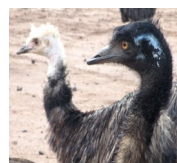
I never cease to marvel at the beauty of rocks and crystals that come from our earth.

On to the motel and a phone call from the operators cancelling our trip to the Milroy Observatory as the skies were overcast. It was a good thing I had visited this area before to see the observatories, so I wasn't too disappointed. We all enjoyed a Chinese meal at the Golden Sea Dragon Restaurant. A lot of the outback places were having trouble getting staff so eateries were hard to find on our trip.

Monday 10th May we set off for a visit to Siding Springs Observatory but unfortunately it was closed due to Covid so we headed to Warrumbungles National Park Information Centre - well worth visiting even if you don't venture into their great park. After morning tea we headed to an Emu farm near Tooraweenah - Emu Logic. The emus were very friendly and so cute - I loved this visit!! You could purchase fresh eggs for cooking - apparently they make a very moist fruit cake. The white is a little tough like a duck egg but the yolk is very creamy and takes up most of the egg - makes great scrambled egg. I bought emu oil (for arthritis and beautiful on your skin - is absorbed right in), soaps and jerky which is high in iron. It was sad to say goodbye to these Critters, some of whom were taller than I, but Gilgandra and a late lunch was calling. After a final night of relaxation with our friends, we headed for home after a very enjoyable, interesting but tiring trip.

Towns we visited had lots more birds than the rural stretches but I think our last night at Gilgandra had the most, with hundreds of corellas flying about. There was also a very large bat colony that took off at dusk and returned in the morning. For the global warming sceptics I'd say just take a trip through the outback and see the mass dieback all over our country!!

*I loved the changing colour of our land as we passed by.
A trip full of great memories.*



WugulOra Morning Ceremony

WugulOra meaning - One Mob - A time for inclusion, understanding and reconciliation – a sacred and reflective start to Australia Day.

The WugulOra (one Mob) Morning Ceremony at Barangaroo Reserve is a reminder that Australia's First Nations people are the foundation of Australia's story and caretakers of the world's oldest continual culture. The ceremony celebrates the Gadigal people of the Eora nation through music, dance, language and ceremony. The event will also be broadcast live on ABC TV and streamed on iView. WugulOra is a free event open to the public. Everyone is welcome to attend this unique event.

The ceremony and much of the Sydney program is guided by First Nations representatives and features many First Nations artists showcasing the richness and historical significance of culture through modern and meaningful performances. The event is also co-curated with the Metropolitan Local Aboriginal Land Council (MLALC)

Our nation's story began more than 65,000 years ago. First Nations Australians are the foundation of our nation's story and continue to maintain the world's oldest living culture. As the sun rises on 26 January, we take the time to:

- honour the traditional custodians of the land on which we gather, the Gadigal people of the Eora nation,
- acknowledge our shared history,
- listen to local elders,
- witness the passing down of culture,
- reflect on the strength and resilience of First Nations Australians.

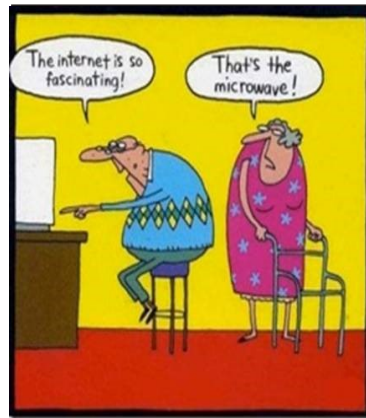
As an ancient Smoking Ceremony cleanses the way for new beginnings, the WugulOra Morning Ceremony celebrates the world's oldest living culture through dance, music and language.

Witness special performances by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander dancers and singers, including the Koomurri Aboriginal Dance Troupe.



Listen to the national anthem in English and Eora, the local Aboriginal language. The WugulOra Morning Ceremony is held at Headland Stage, Barangaroo Reserve. Barangaroo is named after a Cammeraygal woman, who was a powerful leader of her people at the time of European colonisation. Her story is an important and empowering part of our shared history – not only for First Nations Australians, but for the entire nation.

This ceremony is supported by the National Australia Day Council, which is assisted by the Australian Government.



Rainfall for

NOV 18TH To JAN12 th

Week 1. 70mm
Week 2. nil
Week 3. nil
Week 4. nil
Week 5. 31mm
Week 6. 31mm

Taken at
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Mums and their Bubs



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Latest News



As the expression goes, looking ahead is always the best course of action when we enter a New Year! And 2022 holds the promise of many exciting opportunities for our community.

After the Council election in December, I am proud to have the opportunity to lead a new term of Council and extend a warm welcome to both our new and reappointed Hornsby Shire councillors. Already, Council staff are gearing up to deliver a host of ambitious projects outlined in Council's Community Strategic Plan and Delivery Program with the new Council.

In another hopeful sign, preparations are well underway for this year's Hornsby Shire Australia Day events to be held in Hornsby Park, on Wednesday 26 January. The Australia Day theme this year is

'Reflect. Respect. Celebrate.' as we salute our nation, our people – and our strong sense of community.

And to help things along, Council will be hosting an open-air Concert in the Park, along with lots of fun children's activities, including some large inflatables in the outdoor pool at the Hornsby Aquatic & Leisure Centre. And of course, our Australia Day Citizenship Ceremony will take place.

More details of these exciting events will be announced soon – but get ready to 'pool, party and picnic' to help celebrate everything good about Australia and Hornsby Shire.

Philip Ruddock AO,
Mayor, Hornsby Shire Council

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FROM THE PASTORS DESK

Toxic Relationships



*"When a blind man leads a blind man,
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Your development, and in some cases your healing, can only take place when you walk with the right people! Remember the story of the scorpion that asked a frog to carry him across the river because he couldn't swim? "How do I know you won't sting me?" the frog asked. "If I do, we'll both drown," he replied. So, the scorpion hopped on. Half way across the river the scorpion stung the frog. As they were drowning the frog said, "You promised you wouldn't. Why did you sting me?" The scorpion replied, "I can't help it, it's my nature to sting."

Learn to recognise toxic relationships and walk away from them before they take you down with them. A toxic relationship is like a body part with gangrene; if you don't amputate, the infection will spread. Unless you've the courage to cut off what won't heal, you'll end up losing much more.

You can't partner successfully with someone who doesn't share your goals. When you feel passionately about something but they don't, it's like trying to dance the fox trot with someone who only wants to waltz. You picked the wrong dance partner. Don't get tied up with someone who doesn't share your God-given purpose. Some issues can be corrected through teaching and leadership, but you can't teach somebody to care. And if they don't care, they'll infect your environment, ruin your productivity, and break your rhythm with constant complaints. So, ask God..... "Who belongs in my life?"

God Bless!.....PS Peter Goldstien JP, Community Chaplain.

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MARROOTA RURAL FIRE BRIGADE

Welcome to 2022, we trust you have had an enjoyable and safe Christmas break. Our members were kept busy attending a variety of incidents before Christmas including trees down, MVA's, a truck roll over and grass fires. These have tested all their skills at times but this is what we train for. Further to that, we congratulate Shaun for completing his BF training and Chris and Karen for completing their Crew Leader course. The opportunity to continue to improve your skills is one of the great things about being a member of the Rural Fire Service.

It is a very different start to the fire season this year with La Nina influencing above median rainfall for December through to February. We can literally watch the grass grow, which is a problem for increased risk of grass fires for us. So, we must not get complacent with property maintenance just because we have had plenty of rain. It is important to continue to keep grasses mowed and slashed, trees trimmed back and leaves and debris cleared from gutters or around our buildings and machinery.

The weather through January and February is often turbulent with extreme heat one minute and violent storms the next. A couple of these hot days, quickly dries out the grass land and simply with one lightning strike, we can find ourselves being threatened with bushfire. This is what living with bushfires is about. This is why we must have plans in place in case of bushfire and storms. We must know now what we will do, when and where we will go if we have to leave our properties and that the safety of our animals and pets are included in these plans. We must **plan** and **act** now so we can be **bushfire ready** and **survive** any threat, any time.

....Robin Hitchcock

SACKVILLE NORTH RURAL FIRE BRIGADE

Happy New Year. We hope everyone enjoyed at least a small break over the festive season.

Sackville North had a quiet period with no call outs to fires over this period, thank you to all our community for being safe and observing the fire safety rules.

2022 for the Sackville North Brigade will see us recruiting new members, (including junior members aged 16 years and over), continuing our training and refreshing skills, with weather permitting, we may be able to fit a hazard reduction into 2022 as well.

Please feel free to drop into our monthly meetings on the first Monday of the month to meet the Brigade, ask questions or find out further information about joining the RFS.

All the best for 2022.

Karen Karberis/Judith Barr



MARROOTA SOUTH RURAL FIRE BRIGADE

Final reminder NEW HILLS FIRE CONTROL phone number **9658 9000** - save it in your contacts now.

We had a great night taking Santa around the district on Christmas Eve, and delivering the lollies in a Covid safe manner. If we are lucky, by next year there will be no issues.

We have had several calls to residents doing the wrong thing and burning without the appropriate approvals. Reminder the first and last three months of the year is the bushfire danger period, and even if it is raining, fires are restricted in these months.

Recently we have a number of calls to properties that do not have a roadside number displayed. While this has not caused a lot of trauma at the time, it could have. About 15 years ago the brigade fought hard to get rural roads numbered in the shire. This is for the benefit of all emergency services as well as mail deliveries. It saved a life a few days after they were installed. Numbering your property is a legal responsibility of the owner. While you are thinking about this, please ensure our trucks can gain access to any fires that might occur near your buildings.

....Garry Chatman

WISEMANS FERRY RURAL FIRE BRIGADE

Between 12th November 2021 to 10th January 2022 the team have had 5 call outs including fires on Settlers Road & Walmsley Road, assisted an ambulance on River Road & a tree down on Leets Vale.

The brigade has also been training on the Fire Boat, and in preparation for the upcoming Fire Boat competition.

We received an equipment upgrade of a revamped Cat 9 fire truck to replace the aging Cat 9 that has served the community well for many years.

As the weather has been wetter this season the growth of grass and the deposit of forest fuel loads has increased so remember to keep your asset protection zone area clear of fuel.

You are permitted to do pile burns during this period with a permit from your local brigade in line with any council requirements. For residents wanting to conduct pile burns there are now options to make it easier for you to advise when you are planning to light up.

New QR code as seen on Wisemans Ferry RFS Facebook page www.rfs.nsw.gov.au/notify

You are still able to phone Fire Control at a minimum of 24 hour before lighting up.

If you want to light a social fire you can do so except on Total Fire Ban days. However, you must have a cleared area of at least 2 metres around the social fire. You should only use dry, seasoned wood to burn and make sure you have a water supply nearby.

Sydney summer storms have certainly arrived with an increase of lightning strikes. When storms are approaching it's wise to unplug your electrical equipment such as telephone landlines, computers and televisions etc to limit the possibility of damage. Once it is safe to do so you should also check your property for lightning strike and report any fires.

...Margaret Cavanagh Assistant Community Engagement Officer

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Valley Happeningswith Sherri

Hi All, welcome to 2022. Ingrid and I hoped that you survived Christmas and New Year parties no matter how you celebrated them.

Now it is time to launch into 2022 with covid still hanging over us. To all our valley members who have contracted covid or any of the variants and are isolating, we wish you all our support. If you need help please reach out, especially if you are bed ridden.

New in the Residents in the Valley

We would like to welcome Duncan and Jo Anderson and family who have moved into 631 Wollombi Rd. Welcome to the Valley guys.

Bee Keepers or Bee friends

If you are a bee keeper or interested in bees, and would like to learn a bit more, or get a bit more familiar with bees, Ingrid and I are wondering if people would like to come to our place and join us working and discussing beekeeping. Then joining us in robbing them (extracting honey), spiting hives., bringing on new queens etc.

Large scale Worm Farms

Does anyone know who is doing large scale worm farming in the valley, who could link into waste management solutions? If so, please contact Peter Hunter peter@forgottenvalley.com.au.

Snake in your house who do you call ?

Over the past week, Ingrid has received calls to remove snakes from peoples houses. It was lucky I gave her a snake catchers kit last year for Xmas. This enables her to catch the snake with the grabber and lift it with the lifter. Then move the snake out into the paddock. The latest run of snakes have been red belly blacks. All safely removed and released. One place has had 5 snakes inside in the last few weeks. I think I would be trialling snake repellents of every sort.

Hawkesbury Duck

Hello friends,

We are delighted to announce the opening of the Hawkesbury Duck at 4685, Wisemans Ferry Road, Spencer.

History Hub/Workshop Space/
Heritage Ventures Events

We officially opened on Saturday January 8th and we'll be open every week from then on.



Heritage Ventures

You may have seen some developments happening at the shopfront at Malaluka Caravan Park - this is the new home of the Hawkesbury Duck. Along with others in the community, I've set up this new enterprise as a Spencer history hub, workshop space and the home of Heritage Ventures - tours, talks and adventures.

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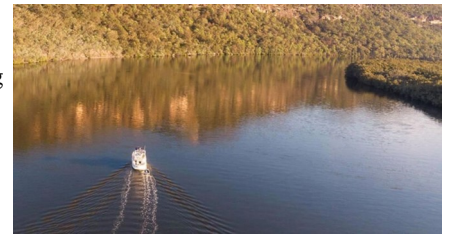
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NETBALL ALIVE

Now is the time to start thinking about a winter sport for the kids

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Over the years, most of the junior teams have players who have stayed together for many seasons. You can start as young as 5 years old. Netball is a sport you can commence with little outlay. With the Government sports rebate, many parents are taking advantage of this initiative.

Netball is a great team sport. You will meet new friends and enjoy the friendly spirit the sport has to offer. No experience is necessary - netball is easy to learn and many of Galstons' Netball coaches are Mums and Dads of the players.

Just ring the club Secretary Vanessa Colits on 0499211865 or email Secretary.galstonnetballclub@gmail.com

Two local sisters who love their Galston Netball are Sian and June Dayes. Both have played since under eights. They continue to develop their skills and make many friends. Their dad Michael Dayes has a competitive background in balance based sport (snow skiing and waterskiing) and had this to say about netball "one of the great aspects of netball is that the players must develop their balance much more so than most other ball sports. Balance is such a great foundation for all kinds of activity, as the players get older and try new sports and activities with confidence".



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Happy New Year! I think we can all agree that 2021 was a tough year for many of us. If you experienced increased stress, anxiety and mental strain during this previous year, you are not alone.

When we think of New Year's resolutions, there is often an emphasis put on physical wellness: trying a new diet, exercising more, etc. Our mental wellness is just as important and should be a priority in our lives.

Humans are social beings. We thrive on connection and belonging. It's OK to seek help from others if you feel that your mental health is suffering. During the COVID-19 lockdown many of us found that social distancing was taking a toll on our mental health. Reaching out to someone that cares during these times can make all the difference.

If you feel lonely, anxious, depressed or isolated, and are in need of support, please ask for help. At Pathways Community Counselling Clinic, we have a team of friendly and professional counsellors who can support you when you feel you are not at your best. Our therapists can assist by giving you the coping skills that you need and the care that you deserve to get back on track to wellness, both mentally and emotionally. Remember that you are not alone, and together with the help of family, friends, and our counsellors, you can have better emotional and mental wellness in this upcoming year.

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Galston CWA News



With 2022 bringing us our third successive summer of discontent, regular columnist for The Sydney Morning Herald and founder of Bad Mother Media, Kate Halfpenny, has had the brilliant idea of getting actual professionals involved in organising Australia. She's calling in the Country Women's Association.

"Back in 2012 my daughter and I volunteered at the CWA pavilion... The Devonshire teas were the hottest ticket in town. We were hammered for days, and not once did the CWA ladies drop the ball. Not once did customers go sconeless. Not once did we run out of jam or cream."

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So if the exceptional organisational skills of the CWA pique your interest and the promise of a cup of tea and the occasional scone entice you, then be sure to bookmark your calendar to meet with us in Galston on the second Wednesday of each month.

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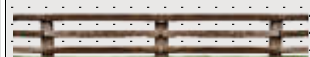
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Year 6 Fun Day!

Students celebrated their last day of school for the year with a special Fun Day to farewell our Year 6 students!

Our students really enjoyed a fun array of activities which included a water slide and water play, Bingo, a special recess, and lunch with ice cream, and a movie, with popcorn to finish off the day.

We wish Isaac, Chloe and Lukas all the very best as they transition into high school this year and look forward to welcoming all of the rest of our students back to school when they return for Term 1, on Tuesday, 1st February, 2022.



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What a wonderful end to the school year we had! Lots of activities, heaps of learning, gallons of fun and just a few tears.

Speeches for the positions of School Leaders and Sports captains were presented by the Year 5 candidates to the general school body. It was wonderful to see the new cohort display their ability to speak in a public forum, and the other students to listen attentively and make sensible choices prior to voting.

The students were excited to still be able to attend swim school. The private pool and small group lessons allowed all the students to increase their swimming prowess prior to the holidays. Although the School Swimming Carnival had to be cancelled, the safety of the students, even when not at school, was a paramount issue and so with these lessons they should be safer when attending water activities during the holidays.



Celebration of Learning was (again) recorded and posted on Google Classroom for the parents to watch. Each class had rehearsed an item for the event and performed brilliantly. The Age Champions and winning Sports House were announced. Each child received an award for their most outstanding improvements and the best performance in English and Maths was awarded for each Stage. The School Leaders for 2022 were inducted. It was a wonderful celebration and all the students should be proud of their fabulous efforts during the year.



The Mini-Fair was a wonderful day of fun for everyone. Students had many choices of activity from Jumping castles to movie watching, guessing competitions to popcorn eating, colouring-in and craft, and everyone's favourite..... the petting area. Every-



one had a great time. It was a special way to end the term but also helped the Year 6 fund their end of year gift to the school.

The SRC Movie Day had to be held at the school but the students still had a choice of two movies. All the students loved the extra time to be with their friends in a relaxed atmosphere, while enjoying their snacks. The SRC students should be congratulated for their work through a very trying year.

School reports were issued with a few changes from the usual format. The teachers found that most students had grown in their education journey over the year, but were reticent to put too many marks on the reports. The English and Mathematics areas were the easiest to report on and had qualitative comments assigned to them. This made it easier for the parents to understand and removed any bias caused due to home schooling.

Year 6 had their farewell evening off-premises. Everyone who attended had a great evening (especially as the COVID rules had just been lifted!) and lots of reminiscing was carried out. The students were all keen to begin their future education, but also apprehensive to leave such a special school as Cattai. A few tears were shed but they showed the dedication the students have to their school.

The Year 6 Graduation Day and send off was a wonderful affair. The students could have one parent in attendance so it was an extra-special school event. The Year 6 students received their Graduation packs then the whole school formed a guard of honour from the bell to the gates. Each leaver rang the bell then walked through the gates for the last time as a Cattai student. More tears!! It certainly is a meaningful way for the students to end their seven years at the school.

Next year will see all the newly transitioned Kindy students join their buddies, siblings and friends. Everyone starts on February 1, 2022. From the work which has been prepared, it is going to be a ripper!!



WISEMANS FERRY
PUBLIC SCHOOL



Remembrance Day

On 11 November 1918, the guns of the Western Front fell silent after four years of continuous warfare. On Thursday 11th November we paid our respects to the men and women who lost their lives while fighting for our country. Our ceremony to commemorate Remembrance Day was led by our year 5 student leaders, who did a wonderful job. Congratulations Jackson, Tori, Amber, Tyler and Kamali on the outstanding job you did leading our school.

Our year 6 students accompanied me to the memorial in Wisemans Ferry to pay our respects at the community Remembrance Day service. Isabella and Sarah laid some flowers and a wreath made by our students and Kira raised and lowered the flag. All year 6 students laid a poppy at the memorial. It was a touching service and we were pleased that our year 6 students were able to take part in this important event.



When reflecting on the 2021 school year, it is hard not to focus on the period of learning that took place at home. It was a challenging time for everyone – our students, our parents and our staff. We were forced to change the way we learnt and our teachers were forced to change the way they provided lessons for their students.

Our parents were once again thrust into the role of not only being their child's parent but being their child's teacher.

To our parents I would like to say a huge "thank you" - for your patience, for your understanding and for your continued support. I would like to "thank you" all for dropping everything to take on the role of teacher and for your important contribution to the home learning of your children.

To our teachers I would like to say "thank you" for ensuring that lessons were prepared for our students and for mastering the technology to provide weekly zoom check-ins.

To our students I say thank you

for striving to achieve your personal best when completing your home learning packs. We know how hard the task of learning at home is when you are responsible for following routines and finishing your schoolwork without your teacher physically there to help you.

Well done boys and girls for the resilience you showed.

We now mark not only the end of an era for our year 6 students, but it also marks the end of an era for some of our families. I would like to acknowledge Fely and Peter Banner, Gillian and John Cloke, Bonnie and Mark Robinson and Liz and Keith Templeton whose last child finishes at WFPS. today.

Thank you for entrusting us with the education of your children. Thank you for your commitment and support to our school throughout the years. We wish you all the best as you embark on the journey of being a high school parent. We will miss you all but know that we will bump into you around the Ferry.

Presentation Day

Our Presentation Day was evidence that our little school is well and truly a hub of academic and sporting excellence. Working at Wisemans Ferry involves being a part of a team - my team is amazing. Thank you so much Fran, Karen, Louky, Jenny, Jenni-Mae, Sue and Keith for everything you do for our students and school community.

Congratulations to all our award winners!

Congratulations to our 2022 leadership body:

School Captain – Amber
School Captain – Kamali
House Captain (Marra Marra) – Jackson

House Captain (Dharug) – Tori
House Captain (Wollemi) - Tyler

Year 6 Graduation

On Monday 13th Dec, we celebrated the end of primary school with our year 6 students and their parents at their 'Graduation Ceremony'. We had a lovely evening. The event was hosted at the 'Heritage Café' and I would like to thank the amazing Cory and Laura for their outstanding hospitality – everything was just perfect. I'd like to thank Jodi who was our baker – she whipped up over 70 delicious cupcakes which formed our graduation cake.



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5	
6	SPARE

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BIRTHDAY CLUB

January 2022..



3rd - Jack Dickinson will be 16
4th - Stella & Sophia Moss will be 12
6th - Alina Graham will be 11
7th - Montanna Lenord will be 14
9th - Paige Cunneen will be 15
11th - Gemma Carpinato will be 13
13th - Michelle Kinsela will be 14
13th - Mathew Morris will be 15
15th - Lucy Aylward will be 14
16th - Jack Helwig will be 12
15th - Phoebe Zoernleib will be 14
16th - Cole Zoernleib will be 14
16th - Clayton Smith will be 15
22nd - Johanna Yannakouros will be 15
24th - Arryn Clohessy will be 16
29th - Ella Hudson will be 14

February 2022.

5th - Paige Gay will be 16
15th - Tarnoo Ramm will be 12
15th - Madison Rowley will be 15
19th - Byran Christie will be 12
24th - Mackenzie Kells will be 16
25th - Arthur Piper will be 15
26th - Jessica Littman will be 14
27th - Xavier Walker will be 10



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